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Subject: Motion passed by City Council re: RCMP

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Dear Mayor Watson and Chair Deans:

I am writing further to yesterday's Special Council meeting wherein the motion of Councillor McKenney regarding the "parliamentary precinct" was passed by City Council.

In Ontario, policing is governed by the *Police Services Act*. In accordance with s. 5(1)1 of the *Police Services Act*, the City of Ottawa has discharged its responsibility to provide police services by establishing a police force—the Ottawa Police Service. As a result, the Ottawa Police Service is the sole police service of jurisdiction. It is important to note that the *Police Services Act* defines "police force" as either the Ontario Provincial Police or a municipal police force. The Ottawa Police Service maintains that Councillor McKenney's motion is absent jurisdictional authority where it intends for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to assume command of the response to the ongoing demonstration in the City of Ottawa.

In addition, the *Police Services Act*, as well as O. Reg. 421/97, stipulates that the Chief of Police is responsible for the police service's operational decisions, responsibilities, and day-to-day operations. Where Councillor McKenney's motion intends for Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers to be integrated into the response to the demonstration within the command structure of the Ottawa Police Service, it should be noted that the Chief of Police of the Ottawa Police Service would maintain responsibility for operational decision-making, including where and how any Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers are deployed. Although any deployment of officers will be under the direction of the Chief of Police as an operational consideration, the Ottawa Police

Service will make every attempt to meet the spirit of the motion and have Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers work in and around the hardened area of the demonstration.

The Ottawa Police Service looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the Board and City Council to effectively respond to the ongoing demonstrations and to ensure peace and safety in our community.

Sincerely,

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